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1. SOVIET PRESS CONTINUES EXTENSIVE REPORTING OF "ZIONIST" LED ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN US. IZVESTIYA EVENING JAN 12 CONTAINS TWO ARTICLES ON JDL ACTIVITIES. FRONT PAGE ARTICLE WRITTEN BY TASS OBSERVER YU. KORNILOV DESCRIBES JDL LEADER KAHANE'S INTERVIEW OVER ISRAELI RADIO AS FURTHER PROOF THAT ISRAELI EXTREMISTS SUPPORTING JDL. KORNILOV ALSO MAKES ASSERTION THAT ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN IN US IS BEING CARRIED OUT WITH KNOWLEDGE AND CONNIVANCE OF USG OFFICIALS.

2. SECOND ARTICLE DISCUSSES LATEST ACTIVITIES OF JDL IN NEW YORK. PARTICULARLY SINGLED OUT IS STATEMENT OF KAHANE THAT JDL HAS FORMED GROUP "TO FOLLOW, INTERROGATE, AND TORMENT" SOVIET DIPLOMATS IN ORDER "TO MAKE THEIR LIVES MISERABLE". ARTICLE ADDS THAT THESE ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE ALREADY STARTED HAVE EVOKED CONDEMNATION FROM CITIZENS OF NEW YORK, AND REPORTS THAT MAYOR LINDSAY HAS SHARPLY CRITICIZED JDL TACTICS. CORRESPONDENT CONCLUDES ASKING WHY GANGSTERS HAVE GONE UNPUNISHED.

AL PRESS MORNING JAN 13 CARRIES REPORT THAT LETTERS AND

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TELEGRAMS FLOWING IN FROM ANGRY AND INDIGNANT SOVIET CITIZENS TO TASS AND PRAVDA PROTESTING ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN US. ARTICLE THEN CARRIES THREE SUCH LETTERS WHICH ARE SIMILAR IN TONE TO ONES EMBASSY HAS BEEN RECEIVING, ALTHOUGH NONE OF THESE LETTERS CONTAINS THREAT OF RETALIATION.

4. LITERATURNAYA GAZETA JAN 13 CARRIES ARTICLE ENTITLED "CONVERSATION WITH PATROLMAN MURPHY FROM THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT" WRITTEN BY NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT G. BOROVIK. AFTER OUTLINING SOME OF JDL ACTS AGAINST SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS, BOROVIK WONDERS WHY POWERFUL NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO PUT AN END TO ACTS THIS YOUTHFUL GROUP. ANSWER, ACCORDING TO AUTHOR, BECAME CLEAR AFTER HE HAD TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH PATROLMAN MURPHY WHO TOLD HIM THAT "ALL QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO PROTECTION OF SOVIET CITIZENS ARE DECIDED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT, NOT THE POLICE; THE POLICE ONLY CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS". FURTHER CONFIRMATION TO THIS ASSERTION, AUTHOR SAYS, FOUND IN NEW YORK TIMES REPORT WHICH CLAIMED THAT QUESTION OF DEGREE OF PROTECTION FOR SOVIETS DECIDED BY STATE DEPARTMENT.

5. PRESS HAS NOT REPORTED JAN 11 PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT CONDEMNING ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST SOVIETS IN US. RADIO NEWSCASTS MORNING JAN 13 HAVE CARRIED REPORT OF ARREST OF KAHANE.

6. PRESENT HARASSMENT OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY APPEARS CONFINED TO BLATANT AND CLOSE FOLLOWING OF EMBOFFS HARBEN, HURWITZ AND WENICK WHICH BEGAN END LAST WEEK. MORNING JAN 13 SIDE WINDOW OF AUTOMOBILE BELONGING TO EMBOFF RUSSELL FOUND BROKEN. CAR HAD BEEN PARKED INSIDE EMBASSY COMPOUND. THERE INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO CONCLUDE WHETHER THIS ACT OF VANDALISM OR RESULT OF TEMPERATURE CHANGE.

7. ON JAN 12 EMBASSY RECEIVED 154 LETTERS PROTESTING JDL ACTS. ABOUT 20 CONTAINING THREATS OF RETALIATION. MOST EXPLICIT REFERRED TO "MURDERER NIXON" AND SAID THAT "NO AMERICAN WOULD GET OUT ALIVE" IF ACTS CONTINUE. MOST ENIGMATIC WAS FROM WORKER WHO WARNED THAT HIS FRIENDS WOULD COME TO MOSCOW TO CAUSE TROUBLE "BEFORE FEBRUARY 23". INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT EXTREMELY LARGE PERCENTAGE OF WRITERS IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS JEWS. ONLY PROTEST DELEGATION TO VISIT EMBASSY JAN 12 WAS THREE-MAN GROUP FROM MOSCOW SYNAGOGUE BEARING DOCUMENT SIGNED BY RABBI LEVIN PRAISING JEWISH LIFE IN USSR AND DENOUNCING "JEWISH FASCISTS" ABROAD. AS OF 1300 HOURS

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